

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 7;~~ A method for performing a track skip of a read device to a selected track of an optical storage disk inserted in a playback device, comprising the steps of:

moving the read device in a direction of a lead-in area of the optical storage disk until a predefined starting position is detected, in response to a track skip request;

determining a time required for the track skip of the read device from the starting position to the selected track, as a function of tracks to be skipped; and

moving the read device for the determined time required for the track skip in a direction of the selected track;

wherein the determined time is multiplied by an adjustable correction factor to obtain a corrected time, and the read device is moved in the direction of the selected track for the corrected time.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein, after completion of the track skip, position data read out by the read device are compared to known position data for the selected track, and the adjustable correction factor is adjusted as a function of a difference between the data read out and the known position data.

10. (Previously Presented) A playback device for optical storage disks, comprising:

a positioning device;

a read device for reading out data tracks of an optical storage disk;

a control unit to determine a time required for a track skip of the read device via the positioning device from a predefined starting position of a lead-in area of the optical storage disk to a selected track as a function of tracks to be skipped; and

a switch situated in a vicinity of the starting position of the lead-in area of the optical storage disk;

wherein:

in response to a track skip request, the positioning device moves the read device in a direction of the lead-in area until the switch is operated, and the positioning device

moves the read device for the determined time required for the track skip in a direction of the selected track.

11. (Previously Presented) The playback device of claim 10, wherein the control unit multiplies the determined time by an adjustable correction factor to provide a corrected time, and the positioning device moves the read device in a direction of the selected track for the corrected time.

12. (Previously Presented) The playback device of claim 11, wherein, after the completion of the track skip, the control unit compares position data read out by the read device to known position data for the selected track, and the control unit adjusts the adjustable correction factor as a function of a difference between read-out position data and the known position data.